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SUBJECT:WOJCIECHOWICZ VISIT TO U.S.

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1. POZNAN POLYTECHNIC UNIV. RECTOR BOLESLAW WOJCIECHOWICZ DEPARTED U.S. JUNE 1 AFTER FOUR-WEEK VISIT WHICH TOOK HIM TO BUFFALO AND FREDONIA NEW YORK, GAINESVILLE FLORIDA, CHICAGO AND CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS, ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN, PITTSBURGH, BOSTON, AND NEW YORK.

2. WOJCIECHOWICZ LARGELY FULFILLED PURPOSE OF VISIT, WHICH WAS TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH U.S. UNIVERSITIES WHICH WERE INTERESTED IN EXCHANGES OF STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS WITH POZNAN POLYTECHNIC UNIV. PARTICULARLY POSITIVE RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED AT WENTWORTH INSTITUTE, BOSTON, UNIV. OF PITTSBURGH, AND UNIV. OF ILLINOIS (CHICAGO CIRCLE). ALL THESE INSTITUTIONS WERE READY TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF AN EXCHANGE.

3. OTHER INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS ANN ARBOR, MIT, AND COLUMBIA
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EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXCHANGES BUT POINTED OUT THAT THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION WOULD REQUIRE THAT ANY EXCHANGE BE FINANCED FROM OUTSIDE RESOURCES.

4. WOJCIECHOWICZ WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED WITH VISIT TO U. OF ILLINOIS AT CHAMPAIGN, WHERE HE WAS GIVEN DEMONSTRATION OF PLATO SYSTEM. AS CONSULTANT TO MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, HE HOPES TO PERSUADE MINISTRY TO PURCHASE SYSTEM FOR POLAND.

5. VISIT ALSO USEFUL IN SENSITIZING RECTOR TO DECENTRALIZED NATURE OF U.S. EDUCATION SYSTEM AND TO REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. UNIVERSITIES WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING STUDENTS OR LECTURERS FROM POLAND. KISSINGER

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